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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Francis Joseph Carr *et al.* )  
Application No. 09/518,813 )  
Filed: March 3, 2000 )  
For: METHODS FOR PROTEIN SCREENING ) Group Art Unit: 1639  
Examiner: Jon D. Epperson ) Atty docket No. MER-105

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**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR §1.136(a) and §1.17**

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Dear Sir:

A three- month extension in the time for filing a response to the final Office Action dated January 28, 2004, up to and including July 28, 2004, is respectfully requested. Submitted herewith is a check for the required fee of \$950.00 for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(a)(3). Also submitted herewith is a Request of Continued Examination (RCE) and a check in the amount of \$770 to cover the filing fee for the RCE.

Please charge any additional fees concerning this matter to our Deposit Account No. 15-0508.

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Respectfully submitted,

Dated July 26, 2004

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